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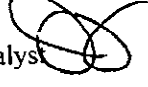
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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

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SUBJECT: In The Matter Of The Application Of Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc., For Approval Of A Name Change To GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. (Filed July 2, 2009). PSC Docket No. 09-291

On July 2, 2009 Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. ("SERNA") filed an application with the Commission to change its name to GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc ("GDF Suez"). An Electric Supplier Certificate ("ESC") was originally granted to Tractebel Energy Services, Inc¹ and a name change to SERNA was approved on April 11, 2005². On August 6, 2008 SERNA had previously advised the Commission of a merger with Gaz de France SA forming an entity GDF Suez that had no impact on the operations of SERNA.

In their application in the instant docket, SERNA is now requesting a name change to GDF Suez to be effective immediately. In their filing, SERNA included the Delaware Secretary of State file-stamped Certificate of Amendment evidencing the required filing of the name change with the Delaware Division of Corporations. SERNA advises that the request is a name change only and there would be no impact on operations or ownership, and previous SERNA information, e.g., employee contacts, physical addresses, etc., would stay the same. A new web address, however, is noted for GDF Suez³.

Additionally, in response to a Staff request, SERNA provided a copy of a press release and documentation regarding the transition of existing Delaware customers to GDF Suez. A form letter to customers informing of the name change was provided and Staff was advised that the process to transition to GDF Suez for billing and payment purposes etc., remains ongoing. It does not appear, therefore, that the requested name change would result in disruption of service to Delaware customers.

¹ Order No. 6514, issued November 21, 2004 in Docket No. 04-325.

² Staff Memorandum, Docket No. 05-105.

³ www.gdfsuezenergyresources.com

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The Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. request for a name change to GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. appears to be reasonable and meets the requirements of the ESC Rules in Regulation Docket No. 49. Among other things, as discussed above, the filing by Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. satisfies the requirements pursuant to 26 Del. Admin. C. §§ 3001 2.1.1.1 (Authority to do business in Delaware) and 2.1.1.2 (Resident Agent). Staff, therefore, recommends acceptance by the Commission of the application for a name change by Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. to GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc.

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